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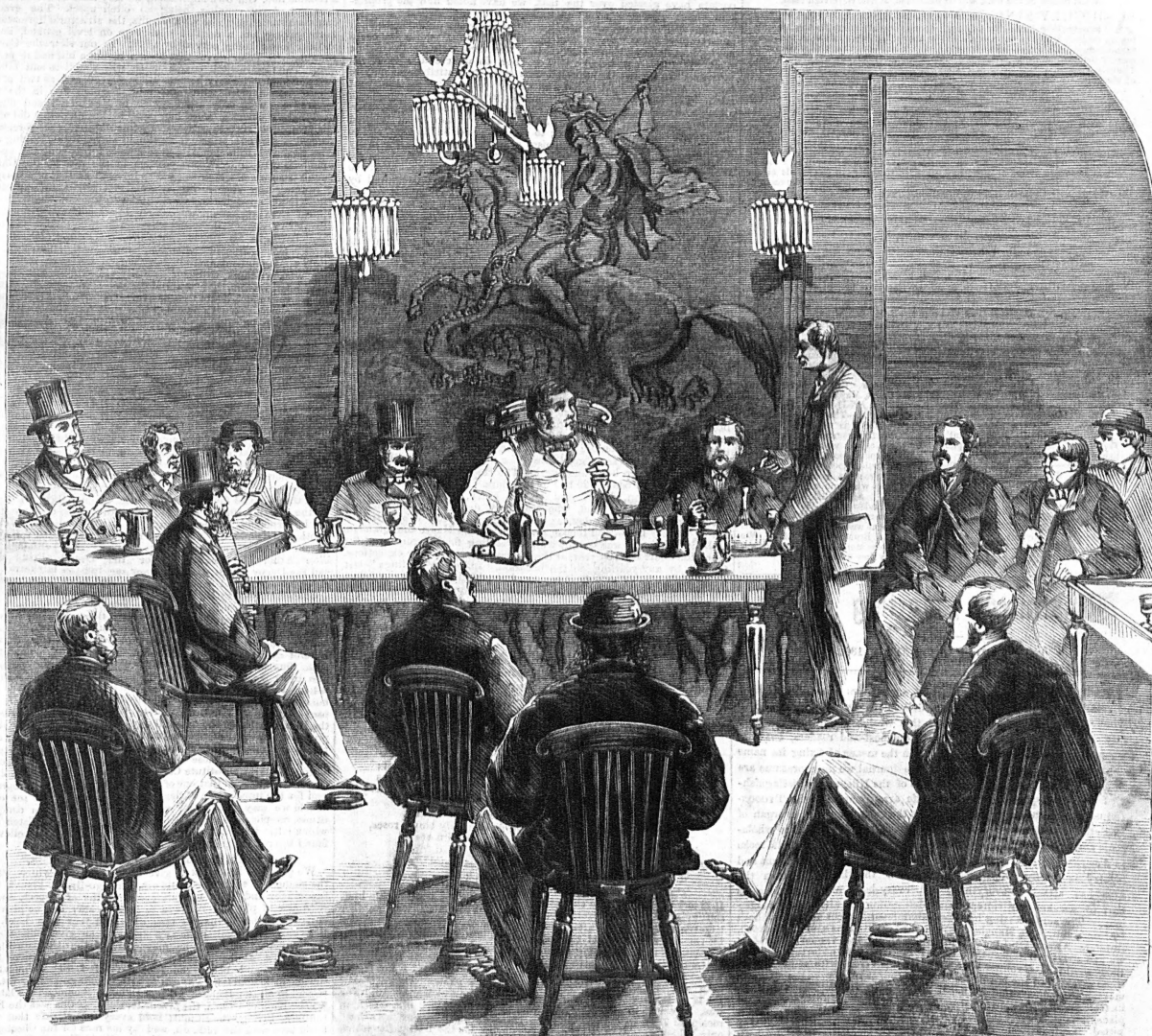
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POSTING THE FINAL DEPOSIT FOR THE GREAT MATCH BETWEEN
MACE AND COBURN.

(Drawn by our own Artist.)

SWIMMING.

"Even from the body's purity
The mind receives a sympathetic aid."

RACE FOR THE ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS CUP.

THE swimming season may now be said to be rapidly drawing to a close, and the race described in another column is, perhaps, the last great race that will take place in the Thames, and any one in the habit of visiting our Metropolitan Baths will notice at once the falling off of the general public. Not so the regular bather, who most likely is a member of some club; he can be seen taking his bath all the year round; but we must state there is only one little bath left for him which is open throughout the year, and that is the Bath at Acre. The bath is about 40 feet long, supplied with New River water, and is kept very clean. Its depth graduates from four to six feet. Although this bath is small it has produced some of the finest swimmers of the day, including H. Gurr, the present two-mile champion. This may be accounted for very easily. Firstly, he has to turn so many times that he ultimately gets very quick at it, and secondly, by those continuous turns he naturally goes under water a great deal, which gets him used to taking his breath at the proper time and gives him more endurance when set loose for a long race. At the above bath the following clubs meet for practice in order to perfect themselves for their matches in the spring. The first met on Monday evening. The London, with the two-mile champion at its head, on Thursday evening at eight o'clock. In giving a few remarks on the doings of the swimming world during the summer, we may fairly state, without contradiction, that it never was in such a flourishing state as it is at the present time. We are glad to see the public are beginning to appreciate and to see the necessity of knowing how to swim. Such credit is due to the different clubs for their efforts, for it must be borne in mind that the offices held are honorary, and not one shilling spent except in prizes. Any one joining will always find his fellow-members willing to swim with him, and give instruction. We cannot pass on further without calling attention to the liberality of the proprietors of the *Sporting News* and the *Sporting Pilot*. Some time since it was hinted to them that a prize given to swimmers would do a great deal to encourage a much neglected art; without much ado the proprietors of the latter paper purchased a cup, value 15 guineas, which they determined to throw open to public competition for amateurs only, thinking that this would be the most likely way of doing good, for no amateur can expect to stand a chance with a professional who is always in training. This caused a little discussion; but, from the numbers of letters received, it was apparent to all that they had the voice of the people. Over one hundred entered, and on the 22nd of July, thirty-one fine young men might be seen standing along the side of the steamer moored off the Dug Wharf, waiting the report of the pistol which was to set them loose. They had to finish at Putney aqueduct, the distance being one mile. There never was such a sight seen on the Thames before; and after a splendid race, it was won by a gentleman of the name of Hayes, who took the title of Amateur One-mile Champion from then. He is a very fine swimmer, and we may here mention that Fawcett, the originator of the side stroke, died in Australia some few months ago. The success of this affair indeed the proprietors of the above paper to give a cup; and shortly after an announcement went in their paper appeared to the effect that they had purchased a cup, value twenty guineas, which they intended to give for open competition for amateurs only, distance one mile, in the Thames. It was originally fixed for the 29th of August, but Mather and Johnson coming to terms about their two-mile race, they fixed it for that day. The *Sporting News* Cup was then altered to the 5th of September; but in consequence of Mather forfeiting the committee of the London Swimming Club fixed the 5th as the day for an open competition for the Two-mile Cup. This caused another postponement, as it would be impossible to get two great events off with the same tide. Some little discussion then took place about having it in a bath, some asserting that it would be too cold to swim in the Thames; but as the majority wished it in a river, and the weather keeping warm, it was agreed to let it take place in the Thames on the 26th. We mention these facts to show that the donors had nothing to do with the delays that took place, and we think great praise is due to them for coming forward in the manner they have done. For the first Cup there was no entrance fee; for the *Illustrated Sporting News* Cup there was an entrance fee of 2s. 6d., which was returned to everyone starting. This clearly showed that there was no idea of making money out of it, but to keep a lot out that could not go the distance, and would only cause trouble and annoyance to those having the management of the race. Both events were the principal topic of the day, as so many people were interested in them, and we think we may fairly say that swimmers never had a paper previous to this one to record their doings. Much of the improvement that has taken place we attribute to the publicity that has been given, besides the many illustrations of swimmers and their races. While we are on the question of swimming patrons we may mention that Sir William Fraser gave a £5 prize in the shape of a gold medal every year. The first competition took place last year and was won by H. 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evidently possessed of a great deal of strength, his muscles standing out all over his body in bold relief; his chest is greatly in favour of a swimmer. His rival is very cleanly made, although a much smaller man, but he has proved himself one of the finest swimmers of the day, having upheld the title of champion for several years. He is not like some that call themselves professors, with no list of performances to their name, but on the occasion of this race he was doomed to be defeated. Mather cutting him clean out of the race he resigned half a mile from home. Although defeated he was by no means disgraced, for it must be borne in mind that he is nearly forty years old, while his rival was only three and twenty. This shows that age must give way to youth and strength. Previous to this match taking place, Johnson, of Manchester, posted a sum of money to swim the winner, but for some reason or other a long delay took place which caused some angry words and a paper warfare. At last, everything being settled in a satisfactory manner, Mather and Johnson agreed to swim on the 29th of August, over the usual two-mile course, for £25 a side and the cup, which has to be held against all comers for three years; but unfortunately Mather was taken suddenly ill, and by the advice of his doctor compelled to forfeit, much to his annoyance. The cup then came back into the hands of the committee of the London Swimming Club, who threw it open for public competition, and the race took place on September 5th, and brought together five very fine swimmers, and on the word off being given them, they took the water beautifully, but it soon became apparent to the practised eye that none of them stood a chance with the boy Gurr, as he was lashing away at the water in his own peculiar style, which soon placed him far ahead of his competitors, and a little over half an hour proclaimed him champion of England. This boy is the greatest wonder as a swimmer that ever lived; he has proved himself the fastest, and has never been beaten. He is a member of the London Swimming Club, and holds their captain's medal. Johnson came in second in the race, and Pamplin third, another young swimmer who does credit to his father as his tutor.

worthy object. Among them were most of the finest swimmers of the day. The fund got on this occasion will assist this club to give medals and prizes to persons who may do acts of bravery in saving others' lives at the risk of their own. Before commencing our report of the great race of Monday we must beg to impress upon everyone, know at what moment we may be called upon to exercise that knowledge.

The morning of the race was anything but promising, but about midday the sun shone forth with great brilliancy, and gave one p.m. approached a number of boats put off from Harry Kelly's hotel, where the preliminaries had been arranged, and paddled quietly everything prepared for an immediate start. Mr. A. Williamson, of the London Swimming Club, was selected to fill the office of referee, and he was assisted in the duties of his post by Mr. Laitly and Mr. Smyth Lee as umpires.

The appearance of the men as they stood on the barge was extremely fine; the twelve competitors being in excellent trim for the contest. Above all lowered one whose gigantic frame reduced his rivals to mere pigmies. This was Edward Donovan, 23 years of age, once the 500 yards champion swimmer. We turn our gaze from this very Hercules and fix it upon his rivals—Stuart, Freeman, Seymour, Tyler, Wherry, Towell, Robertson, Testar, Avis, Howley, and Pamplin. The smallest was a youth named Pamplin, who had taken part in all the great river races of the past seasons. Well-proportioned and with the muscles of each limb developed by exercise, his frame looked quite the task before him, and seemed to show that he for one—although the youngest—was not afraid of his colossal opponent at the other end of the barge. As they all stood, attired simply in bathing drawers, awaiting the starting signal, they served as a fair example of the healthfulness of natation.

THE RACE.

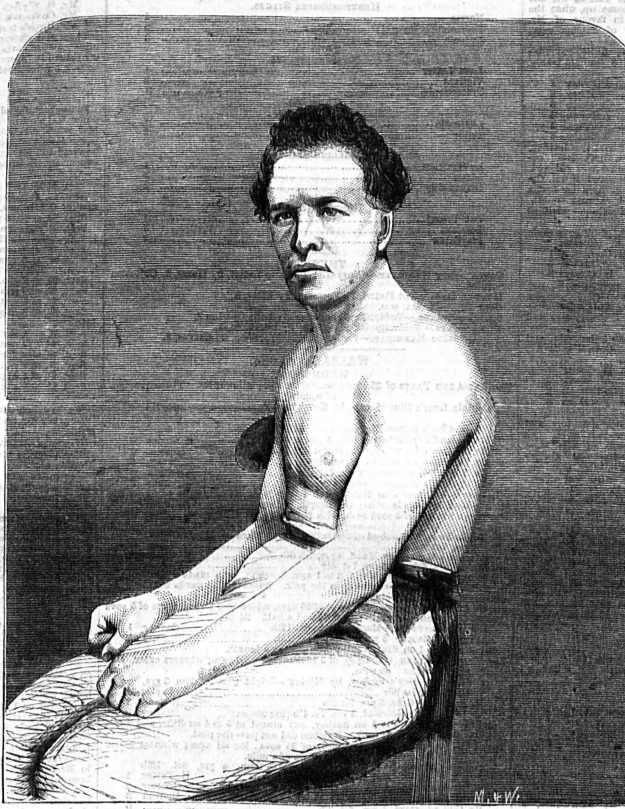
As the word "off" was given, they simultaneously plunged into the sluggish river, almost the same instant as they dived the twelve heads appeared above water, Donovan being a yard, at least, ahead of the others, who were level. Turning directly on his side the leader at once made use of the extraordinary powerful stroke for which he is noted, and shot still further in front. Immediately behind him came Freeman, also an expert side swimmer, while away to the right young Pamplin, swimming on his breast, was leaving the pack and getting level with the latter. In this order they arrived opposite the Dug Wharf, where Donovan had increased his lead to six yards. Lashing the water energetically—almost furiously—with his immovable arm, while his legs were vigorously doing their work under water, Donovan got so far ahead that already cries were heard of "His race to win." But the pace was too hot to last. When about a quarter the distance had been swum he turned on his breast to take breath. Meanwhile the undaunted Pamplin, passing Freeman, kept the even tenour of his way, closely followed by Seymour, likewise a breast swimmer. Yard by yard, and at length foot by foot, these two gradually gained upon Donovan until they got level with him, Donovan, finding himself so hard pressed, turned on his side, and with his face towards Pamplin and Seymour, and like a giant refreshed, tried by exerting himself to his utmost to get again in front. He found his equals now neck and neck the three swam together, first one gaining an inch, then the other. Soon Donovan was observed to be losing a foot or two. Either he was becoming exhausted or they were swimming more rapidly. A moment more and he was yards behind. Then those who a short time before were so confident of his proving victor, were the first to exclaim, "Donovan's beaten." Impelled to renewed exertion by this taunt he put all his strength into one last effort to reclaim his lost advantage; but it was in vain. He had the will, but not the necessary stamina to win the prize. While he got nearer and nearer the mark—100 yards in the race—the race for first place was taken up by Seymour and Pamplin. The former had now forged slightly in front of his young rival, and he kept this position as far as Seymour's boat-house, where Pamplin, swimming easily on his side, passed him. Opposite the Star and Carter he had increased the lead six yards, and was swimming with one of the most graceful and effective of side strokes, the sun shining brightly on his active shoulder blades—white as ivory. There was no splashing, no contortion of the face, yet arms and legs were vigorously working like machinery under the water. Making scarcely a ripple, Pamplin dived swiftly past Harry Kelly's hotel, and with a still greater lead, and finally arrived at Putney aqueduct twelve yards ahead of Seymour, sixteen minutes and eleven seconds after he started. An expert young swimmer named Tyler, arrived third at the goal, and won a silver Victoria medal, presented by the London Swimming Club. The cup and second and third prizes, splendid medals—the one for the second man given by the donors of the cup, and the one for the third by the London Swimming Club—will be presented to the winners at Mr. Key's, Lion Tavern, Newcastle-street, Strand, on this day week.

(To the Editor of the *Illustrated Sporting News*.)

SIR,—I have read the letter of Mr. W. Taylor which appeared in your impression of the 24th, and cannot refrain from saying a few words concerning it. Mr. Taylor says, "The constant desire of the club has been to keep up the very highest standard as its model and its leader; and we have been fortunate as to have had from our commencement some one or other of the foremost swimmers of the day, and we prefer, even at the risk of causing disgust to ambitious amateurs, to leave our captaincy open for the leading swimmers of the day." Now, sir, the idea of an "Amateur Swimming Club," whose sole object is or ought to be to increase and improve swimming, leaving its captaincy open for the best swimmers in England, is simply ridiculous. Surely a person joining such a club would hope at some future day to be captain, but finds when his subscription is paid that the champion of England is going to be that post. I think it must be something of that sort which causes so many members to resign the year before last. As to Mr. Taylor wishing me to write to him personally, I beg to state that any end would be answered by so doing. I think publicity ought to be given to a thing of this sort, so that any of your readers may have how to expect if they join the "London." In conclusion, I must say that the members of the London "Amateur" Swimming Club, the person of Mr. Taylor a gentleman so well acquainted with the important post of secretary; and I must also thank you for having inserted my previous letter, and remain, yours obediently, one who still signs himself

A LOVER OF FAIR PLAY.

A MATCH has been made with W. Shaw's dog, Pincher to destroy 250 rats under 20 minutes, for £50 a side, to come off at Shaw's established sporting ground, the Queen's Head Tavern, Windmill-street, must be posted next week.

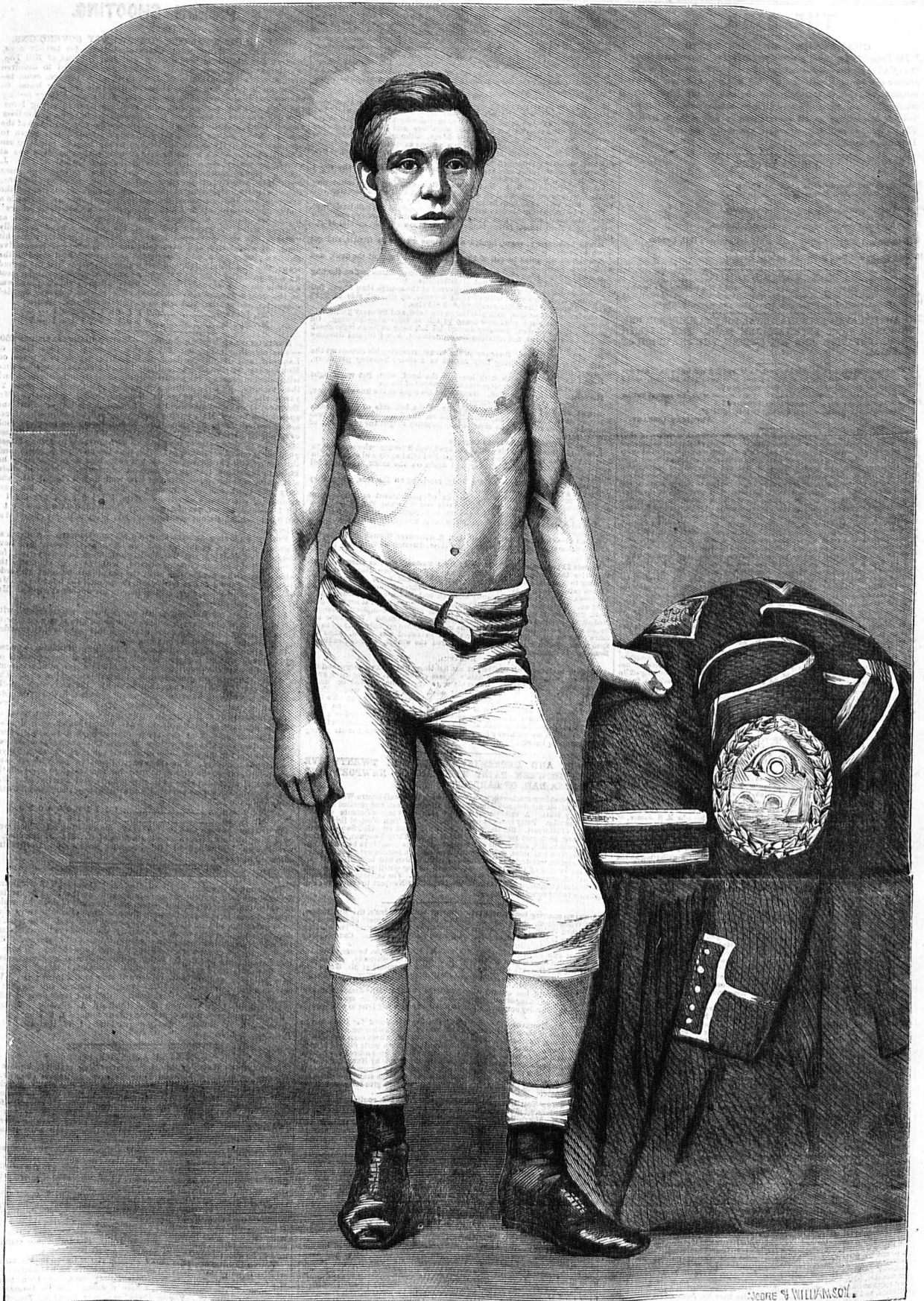


DOVE, THE PUGILIST.

(From a Photograph.)

The Manchester people thinking they would like a Challenge Cup of their own soon set to work, and the result was in a short time they had one, and a very nice one it was. The conditions were that it should be held against all comers for eighteen months; there is a stake attached to it. At the first open competition, Donovan, of the London Swimming Club, went down to contest it, and after a good race succeeded in carrying it off, but accepting a situation abroad he resigned it, therefore this caused another competition to take place, when Mather, whom he defeated in London, won it. He was then challenged by Gardner, the next opponent was Aspinall, whom he also beat. His last race, a few weeks ago, was with Meakin. This caused a deal of sensation in Manchester and London, as it was thought it would be the fastest race for the Cup, as both men were known to be in top training. After a good race Gardner wrested the laurels from his opponent and became the owner of the Cup, having held it the stipulated time. All these races took place in the Leaf-street Bath, the distance, 20 lengths, which is 500 yds. Gardner's time for this last race being eight minutes. He is powerfully built, and is noted for a particular stroke, which combined with strength is very fast. He owes much of his perfection to F. E. Beckwith, who has piloted him through most of his best races. There is likely to be another Cup, and a much better one, got up soon, but from what we hear it is very likely they will keep it exclusively to their own town, thereby shutting the Londoners out. We should be sorry if that was the case, as it will look very much like showing the white feather. Throw it open and let the best man win it whoever he may be. This will attract considerable more value to it, the winner we can fearlessly say won it. During the summer several swimming entertainments took place for the different swimming masters. Some very fine swimming is always to be seen at these meetings, but space will not allow us now to go into details; but we would advise our readers to take the first opportunity of witnessing one of them. On the 6th of September the London Swimming Club engaged the Metropolitan Bath for an entertainment, and nearly six hundred persons came to support their prize-

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**YOUNG D. COOMBES.**

(From a Photograph by Newbold.)



R. IDDISON, THE CRICKET CELEBRITY.

(From a Photograph.)

VICTORIA MUSIC GALLERY.—The Brothers Dean in their comic negro entertainment, and Miss Alice Scott, a pleasing and clever semi-comic vocalist, still remain here.

POULTRY AND PIGEONS.

FORTHCOMING POULTRY SHOWS

ISLINGTON AGRICULTURAL HALL.—October 1, 3, and 4. Secretary, J. Douglas.
Poultry, Pigeons, and Rabbits. Entries closed.

"Sir,—In the Field of Saturday last I observed a communication from an enthusiastic lover of the Cochin breed. He contrasts these birds with the Spanish, and draws conclusions in every respect favourable to his pets. I do not think he understands the Spanish fowl, and for his especial information I present the following facts, which I trust may be of service to him and of general interest to your readers:—

NURR AND SPELL

MATCH FOR £50.—On Saturday special trains were run from Bradford to Leeds, for the purpose of giving parties an opportunity of seeing the great match at Nurr and Spelt between James Hollings, of Bradford, and William Horrocks, of Gildersome, for £25 a side. The match was played on the Leeds ground, on the event chiefly at 4 to 5 on Hollings, who commenced the game by hitting Horrocks only scoring a 2. Odds were now increased and 4 to 4 was freely laid on Hollings. In their next rises Hollings scored 9, Horrocks 10, and the third rise was a draw. In the fourth rise Hollings scored 4, Horrocks 5, and in the fifth rise each scored 9. In the sixth rise Hollings scored 11, Horrocks 12, in the seventh rise Hollings scored 10, Horrocks 11, and in the eighth rise each scored 9. In the ninth rise Hollings scored 11, making his total in the five rises, 52. Horrocks only scored 9, his total being 51. The match was a very close one, and the result was a surprise to many of the spectators.

the five rises were the winners. In their second five rises the backers of Horrocks were the winners, he having scored 52, and Hollings 48. In the third five rises Hollings was the winner, he having scored 50, and Horrocks 48. Hollings commenced the third five rises by making a double, and he was only scoring 5. This caused the Bradfordites to be in a scarce, and increased the odds, and at the end of those five rises Hollings led his man 14 scores. This caused his partizans to offer 2 and in some instances 3 to 1 on him and met with few responses. In the fourth five rises Hollings scored 50 and Horrocks 49. In the fifth five rises the backers for Horrocks were the winners, he having scored 50, and Hollings 49. However he played the game out with spirit, and he was able to do so to all that from some unforeseen circumstance the third five rises all but decided the game against Horrocks. Hollings score, first five rises 12,11,9,11,9,11—62. Second, 11,10,10,8,9—48. Third, 11,9,9,11,11—51. Fourth, 10,12,10,8,10—50. Fifth, 10,11,11,10,10—52. Sixth, 6,10,9,11—46. Horrocks, first five rises, 9,12,10,9,12—48. Second, 10,11,10,10,10—49. Third, 10,10,10,10,10—49. Fourth, 10,10,10,9,10—49. Fifth, 12,10,9,8,10—49. Sixth, 11,10,10,10,10—47. Total, 282. Hollings winning by 17 scores.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.—STABLES AND PEARSON.—A match has been made between Kirk Stables, of Wortley, the champion nurr and spell player in his job, alias Nelly Pearson, of Farsley, to play a match at nurr and spell on the 10th inst. and a side bet has been made between Stables and his late mates, when he has allowed his opponents a start. There has been such as to cause many people to think there are several players who will be able to give him a good equal if not exceed his playing. In consequence of this feeling this time has not been fixed. They have played several matches previously, when Stables has always won with ease, but he (Pearson) has been the conqueror. It will be remembered, that they played a match at nurr and spell at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, when Pearson proved the winner. The match is intended to be played at the Cardigan Arms, Leeds, on Monday Oct. 14th.

RACKETS

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WHITE BEAR, KENNINGTON.
George SMALL's benefit, which took place on Monday, was well attended, and some excellent matches were played. The principal ones were those between SMALL and Sinner, and the Senior partners and C. Greatwood. They played five an amateur, against G. Erwood and Sinner, and the latter won. Sinner and the Senior partners won the odd one easily. G. Boucher and E. Greatwood, each having partners played a good match, but Boucher's side won. The older Greatwood and Boucher on the present occasion succeeded in winning three games off, and the match against Small and C. Greatwood. George Erwood takes a benefit at the Hampstead Court to-day (Saturday).

THE MOORE AND FORESTS OF SCOTLAND

(From the *Inverness Courier*.)

BROTHMEANS have almost entirely deserted the moors, and the greater part of them have betaken themselves to the forests. A few birds, however, are occasionally shot. Sir Greville Smyth and party, at Erchless Castle, bagged from the 12th to the 17th inst., 36 brace of grouse, 16 brace of partridges, and 17 hares. A few good bags have also been made in other parts of the North. At Inverbroom, G. Mitchell Innes, Esq., and party, bagged 40 brace of grouse the other day before luncheon.

The forests are giving excellent sport. On the 7th inst. at Fanich, Arthur Walsh, Esq., killed a stag with a head of ten points, of nine points, two with heads of eight, and one with six times—five stags in one day. In the Duncannon Forest Major Mackenzie is clean, and the span of the antlers was 18 inches. This is the first season that this forest has been preserved. It is already well stocked with deer it bids fair to become a good one. Earl of Cluanie, has recently killed some good stags. On Saturday he shot one which weighed 17 stones 8lb. Sir Greville Smyth and party at Glenelg, on the 10th inst., shot a stag, six stags and two wild ewes. In Farley Wood, near Llanelli, shot eleven stags and two Henry Frazer shot a stag of 24 stones weight, on the 17th inst., the Hon. Earl of Balmacrae, on the 14th, the Earl of Seafield shot a stag of 24 stones weight, and a stag of 22 stones weight, a perfectly clean fallow buck; and on the 17th, John Blake, Esq., Lakefield, shot a stag with a capital royal head. The weight of the latter was 17 stones 8lb.

Mr. H. Snowie, un-makor, Church-street, has received the following stag's heads for preservation, viz.—Two fine black stag's heads from Sir F. Johnson, Bart., one of them a Lochart's stag—span legs three feet; a very good royal head from Beaufort's stag—span legs been shot by the Earl of Listowel; a capital stag's head from W. White, Esq.; a fine roe head from Mr. Bisset, Huntly; a roe head from C. Mackinnon, Esq., Clonliden; and a third from Lochlichart. Hugh Mackenzie, Esq., of Dundonnell, has sent a good specimen of a head of a roe, and Hugh Davidson, Esq., of Cantray, a good roe head. Arthur Walsh, Esq., Fannich, has also forwarded a very fine

Among a great number of stags' heads sent for preservation to Mr. Macleay, bird-stuffer, Church-street, Inverness, from different parts of the country, there are some particularly fine specimens from Balmacraan, sent by the Earl of Seafield; from Erchless Castle, sent by Sir Greville Smyth and party; and from Dunrobin, Kinarra, Aultnaharra, Invergarry, and the Lows.

TROTTING.
MATCH AGAINST TIME.—On Friday last, 8.30 a.m.

the 80 Vaults, Macclesfield, wagered £10.

the 30 Yalms, weighed £10 against £5 that his pony, 13½ hands high, should trot 8 miles in 35 minutes on a turnpike road. The start took place on the Stockport road, near to the branch road leading to Bollington Cross, and the coming-in place was Jagger's Bar, beyond Hazel Grove. Mr. Wright himself rode the pony, and accomplished the 8 miles 10 seconds under 32 minutes. The owner will back his nag to accomplish a similar distance within 30 minutes.

The second was for £20 between R. Gillespie, and W. Wood, both of Gosforth, with 20oz. bowls each. Distance round the course—two miles. This match was decided a few minutes after 12 o'clock, R. Bagnall being stakeholder and referee. There was some betting at short odds on Wood. The match was nothing out of the usual as far as performance is concerned. Gillespie made play at the outset and maintained the supremacy by a few yards until the third bowl or so, when Wood, whose throws were much admired, took the leading position, and very early afterwards raised the betting to as much as 10 and 10

It is easy to describe this beautiful and noble race of fowl, as no variety of colour is admissible. These birds must be black throughout, richly shaded with a metallic green lustre. A purely white face is imperatively necessary to constitute a perfect specimen. Care must be taken not to mistake the ear-lobe for the face as in the very worst samples of the bird the former will be found quite white. In a first-class bird this colour must be unmixt with red spots, and extend from the insertion of the comb to the gill, and from the ear-lobe to the beak. The ear-lobe must be large, pendant, thick, and quite free from any other colour.

This part of the face is more developed in the cock than the hen; in fact, he has it much larger than any other fowl. It is composed of a double skin forming a sort of bag. The cock should have a large and right comb reaching the nostril. His wattles should be very large and long, his breast broad and protuberant, his tail ample, his carriage very upright. The combs of the hens should fall over the sides when in good condition, and the wattles should be wide and flat. Their breasts are prominent, but not so much as in the cocks; their faces very long, thin, and skinny. The points both sexes have in common are taper blue legs, and deviating from the required line of perfection in most other fowls; they should be long. In shape the body should be somewhat towards from the neck to the tail, and narrow from the shoulders to the tail. The cock should be a little taller than the hen, and approach a crane in walking. They carry themselves very upright.

They are invaluable layers, because, although they are only moderate feeders, their eggs are larger than those of any other fowl. I have seen them four and a half ounces each. They are valuable for culinary purposes, three of them being equal to five of many other breeds. They are also good mothers, and are very fertile. In April and May, and June; although not perhaps to be considered very delicate chickens, so far as growth is concerned, yet it is certain they do not bear a check so well as many other breeds, and it is, therefore, well to watch them, that stimulants may be given in time. They are very naked when young, and are often a long time before they feather. They may be soon distinguished from all black feathers in their wings, and scarcely any other on their bodies.

These fowls are rather more difficult to rear than any other, but to repay for the labour. I have never known any of this breed to suffer from rump, but they are subject to a peculiar kind of welled face, which I have never seen in any other breed. I have seen a cock of this breed increase till it has run over one side of the face, and I know of no cure for it. The sex of a Spanish fowl is easily distinguishable, as the cocks show their comb plainly at a month old. At this age we always select from the brood the cock which has the largest comb, and the best of eight weeks old should be killed. The greatest fault they are subject to, and the only one that is plainly developed at an early age, is a *drooping comb*. The greatest merit a Spanish fowl can possess is a perfectly flat face. I have seen a cock of this breed so fat that he could not get up or pulliate a drooping comb.

The chickens, of the best of them, commonly, indeed, almost always, have white feathers in the flight of the wings; and if they appear when hatched with white breasts it need cause no apprehension, as it is a common thing, and they will become black.

Lovers of these fowls have called them, says Bailey, "the aristocracy of poultry." Fine specimens realize high prices in England. I have known one hundred dollars (gold) to be ineffectually offered for a cock and two hens. Our best Spanish fowl were formerly got from Holland, but the great demand for them has nearly exhausted the market there.

In the habits of the Spanish fowl there is nothing peculiar to require notice. They are not, it is true, so quiet and disinclined to roaming as the Shanghai; but if well fed at home, they will not be found to stray far from their walk. To those who desire to eat eggs, but are obliged to class chickens amongst unattainable luxuries, I would advise to adopt Spanish, as they are "everlasting layers," but "non-sitters."

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SWEPESTAKES AT POULTRY SHOWS.—PAYNE F. DALLINGER AND WHISTOCK.—A case of some importance to managers and exhibitors at poultry shows has just been decided in the Woodbridge County Court. The action was brought to recover \$s., and arose in the following way:—On the 26th and 27th of May there was a poultry show at Woodbridge, and among the events advertised to come off was

"A sweepstakes for Dorking cocks, thus set forth in the programme:—
 "A sweepstakes of 7s. 6d. each will be opened for Dorking cocks, of any colour, the stakes to be disposed of (after deducting 5s. from each entry for hire of pens, &c.) in the same proportions as in the game cock sales." Mr. Payne, the plaintiff, entered a Dorking cock for the sweepstakes, and was obliged to hang no other entry was awarded the prize and had 2s. 6d. sent to him for the cock he received. Not satisfied with this, Mr. Payne brought this action to recover the 7s. 6d. for the expense of sending the cock, & 5s., the residue of the 7s. 6d. paid by him when he entered the bird. The first sum Mr. Payne contended he was entitled to recover, because the defendants, as soon as they knew the

there was no other entry for the Dorking cock sweepstakes, ought to have given him notice of the fact; and the 5s. he claimed because he had been present at the sale, and therefore, as a matter of course, morally, no sweepstakes at all, and therefore the whole of the entrance-money ought to have been returned. The defendants, however, contended that the plaintiff had entered his bird subject to the rules of the regulations of the club, which were printed and published, and retained 5s. for the entry, and that they were not bound to inform him that there was only one entry. His Honor, who reserved his judgment, gave judgment against the defendant, saying that the plaintiff was bound by the rules of the show, as he said it was clear that the entry was made subject to the rules of the show, as the form of entry signed by the plaintiff expressly stated such to be the case. Nothing in the regulations of the club being inconsistent with the above, the defendant's one entry, therefore the claim of 5s. fell to the ground; and, as to the 5s., the defendants were justified in retaining it, in compliance with

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CITY GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.—William Hoyle's Carlo, of Hyde, and Joseph Nuttall's Nigger, of Ratcliffe, are matched to run 200 yds. for £15 a side, on October 23, Carlo not to exceed 19½ lbs. and Nigger 16½ lbs. and Carlo to give 2½ yds. to the bound inside. Mr. James Holden, White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester (the stakeholder and referee), has received £1 each, which is to be increased to £5 a side, on October 8.

CRICKET.

RESULTS OF KENT MATCHES PLAYED IN 1864.

Before—	Place.	Sides.	1st Inn.	2nd Inn.	Out.
April 30	Admiralty	175	58	17	17
May 11	New Cross.	Admiralty	129	58	17
May 11	Lord's.	Royal Naval School	83	57	9
June 4	Admiralty	South Essex	44	138	18
Updon Park.	Admiralty	109			109
June 18	Civil Service	81			81
Battersea Park.	Admiralty	79			79
June 18	Admiralty	112			112
Battersea Park.	Admiralty	117			117
July 12	Civil Service	53	44	10	11
Confederates (Post Office)	46	53	90	21	90
August 17, 18	War Office (Army Medical Corps)	90	50	11	315
Battersea Park.	Horse Guards	135	83	228	228
September 4	Horse Guards	88	21	70	70
September 10	Admiralty	79			79
Updon Park.	South Essex	192			192

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Date and Place.	Sides.	1st Inn.	2nd Inn.	Total.
May 17 Woolwich.	Civil Service	79	31	104
	Royal Artillery	194	—	194
May 21 Upton Park.	Civil Service had seven wickets to fall.	—	—	—
	Cricketer Company	191	—	191
May 24 Battersea Park.	Civil Service had five wickets to fall.	—	—	—
	Civil Service	92	120	212
May 24 Battersea Park.	Clapham Grammar School	98	—	98
	Civil Service	123	177	300
May 26 Bushy Park.	Hampton Wick	60	—	60
May 27 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	123	21	144
	House of Commons	83	77	160
May 28 Battersea Park.	Civil Service had seven wickets to fall.	—	—	—
	Civil Service	37	73	100
May 30 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	138	—	138
May 30 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	138	—	138
May 30 Battersea Park.	Lord's.	—	—	—
	Marjoriebon Club and Ground	95	100	195
May 30 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	100	100	200
	Kriekerbockers	93	100	193
May 30 Battersea Park.	Civil Service had two wickets to fall.	—	—	—
	Kriekerbockers	93	100	193
May 30 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	70	114	184
	Diamonds	40	38	78
May 30 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	136	—	136
	St. Paul's School	30	24	54
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	130	—	130
May 31 Battersea Park.	Middelex	121	31	152
May 31 Battersea Park.	Middelex had eight wickets to fall.	—	—	—
	Civil Service	9	49	58
May 31 Battersea Park.	Marlborough College	210	—	210
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	117	—	117
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	117	—	117
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	101	—	101
May 31 Battersea Park.	Charterhouse	98	25	123
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	124	—	124
May 31 Battersea Park.	Battersea Institution	68	53	121
May 31 Battersea Park.	Battersea Institution had five wickets to fall.	—	—	—
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	80	79	159
May 31 Battersea Park.	The Camp	146	17	163
May 31 Battersea Park.	The Camp had eight wickets to fall.	—	—	—
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	73	41	114
May 31 Battersea Park.	Tooling	157	73	230
May 31 Battersea Park.	Tooling	40	73	113
May 31 Battersea Park.	Westminster School	69	11	80
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service had ten wickets to fall.	—	—	—
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	70	140	210
May 31 Battersea Park.	I Zingari	102	—	102
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service had three wickets to fall.	—	—	—
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	58	38	96
May 31 Battersea Park.	Charterhouse	58	—	58
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service had seven wickets to fall.	—	—	—
May 31 Battersea Park.	Civil Service	65	144	209

To show the world that Sussex is not behindhand in coursing this ear as it was last, she congratulates herself on being the first in the field this year. Mr. Lintoff's pretty park at Groombridge was actually swarmed last Monday to see the coursing. There was a very large number of spectators were Messrs. Lintoff, Koch, and Godfrey Fennar; the slipper Mr. Hickson; and the judge, Mr. Walter West. Sport commenced with—

The STEWARDS' CUP, for all ages. Mr. B. Hiechens' Umber, beat Mr. Eliza Wicken, beat Mr. Smith's Boxer, by Lord Clifden, out of Caller Out.

Mr. Terry's Dinah, by Earle, out of Miss Camphousan, beat Mr. Benson's Rocklesby, by Rocket, out of Pishy.

Umber beat Dinah.

The GOLD CUP, for STAKES, for puppies. In the third heat, Mr. Godfrey Gurnies' Tagg, by Fennar out of Nancy, beat Mr. Zubraels' Alp, by Galantambo, out of Caller Out.

Mr. Montgomery's Dagmar, by Tsuk, out of Anne, beat Mr. Strotch's Thunder, by Pappy, out of Tiny.

Dagmar beat Tagg.

The PARK STAKES, four dogs. Mr. Woodward's Nancy, by The Cure, out of Nancy Dawson, beat Mr. Stewart's Rose, by Kingston, out of Princess.

Capitla, Gillespie's Brownpat, by Orlando, out of Lucy, beat Mr. Fennar's Miss Camphousan, by Strotch, out of Prickle Girl.

Brownpat beat Nancy.

On the 1st inst., Mr. Burton's bk b Lady, by Rocket out of Spencer's Lady, visited Mr. Issard's w r d Seventy-pounder, by Judge out of Primrose.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.—Mr. Thomas Hayes (the proprietor) holds £2 10s. each for the match between Henry Dixon, of Newton Heath, and Henry Farnworth, of Heath Charnock, to wrestle two out of three fallbacks in the Lancashire style, catch as catch can, not catch-weight, for a tanner. To be decided on Oct. 8th. Both men to be in the ring at three o'clock, and stake the balance of the money over two.

ROYAL OAK PARK, MANCHESTER. —The match between Wm. Schord, of Ashton, and Edward Lowe, of Whitworth, to wrestle the best of three backfalls in the Lancashire fashion, catch as catch can, progresses satisfactorily. Mr. James Holden, White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester, holds £10 a side, and the next deposit of 25 each must be made good on Oct. 1st. The match is for £25 a side, and takes place on Oct. 2nd. Schord not to exceed 6 score, and Lowe 6 score 2 lb.

2nd. — Schora not to exceed 6 score, and Lowe 6 score 2nd.

MASONS' ARMS, BURY.—Mr. Ashton Hine (the proprietor) holds £10 a year for the match between Edward Meadowcroft, of Starnel, near Bury, and James Dukes (alias Naylor), of Cow Clough, to wrestle two out of three backfalls, in the Lancashire style, catch as catch can, for 15 a side, on Oct. 22nd. The residue must be forthcoming by Oct. 15th.

NADAR is said to be collecting, for the approaching ascent of his giant balloon from Brussels, carrier pigeons, who are to convey letters from his fellow travellers earthwards, post offices not being yet organised in the clouds. Entries every hour are to be made by one of the savans who accompany the expedition, which, by means of a Davy lamp, are to be continued during the night; these entries are to be countersigned by the passengers.

Windsor Park	Limits	94	63	140
July 26	Civil Service	Limits had seven wickets to fall.		
Battersea Park	Gentlemen of Essex	97	—	—
July 27	Civil Service	186	—	198
Battersea Park	Hampstead	97	181	226
August 1	Civil Service	84	—	—
Richmond	Civil Service	had four wickets to fall.		
August 1, 2	Richmond	113	61	167
Dublin	Civil Service	138	27	162
August 3, 4	Phonix	had seven wickets to fall.		
Dublin	Civil Service	112	73	184
August 5, 6	Civil Service	128	—	—
Curragh	Civil Service	95	102	197
Battersea Park	Civil Service	had one wicket to fall.		
August 8, 9	Royal Artillery	118	—	118
Belfast	Royal Artillery	had three wickets to fall.		
August 10	Civil Service	had two wickets to fall.		
Hayes	Civil Service (English and Irish)	218	30	238
August 16	Civil Service	had three wickets to fall.		
Wimbledon	Wimbledon	97	42	151
September 31	Wimbledon	had five wickets to fall.		
Moor Park	Civil Service	65	25	90
September 3	Civil Service	69	60	109
Battersea Park	Desperados	114	18	132

The 5 matches in Ireland were the only ones to which two days each were devoted. The 29 single-day games (deciding by the first innings when not drawn) were won 18 and lost 14. The 11 first-class matches were won by 1, lost 2, and 2 were drawn. During the season the following depart-

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